THIRD CLASS PASSENGERS TRAVELLING BY RAIL—INCONVENIENCES FELT BY.

36. Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the great inconvenience, discomfort and congestion felt by third class passengers travelling by rail;

(*b*) have the Government made representations to the Railway Advisory Board, regarding this matter?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: (*a*) & (*b*) There had been certain representations to Government regarding the inconvenience felt by third class passengers on the Shoranur-Cochin Railway, prior to the conversion of the Railway into Broad Gauge. Government are not aware of any inconvenience, discomfort and congestion felt by third class passengers since the conversion.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: May I know, Sir, whether third class passengers as well as other class passengers feel the inconvenience due to the difference in height between the platform and the train?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: Yes, to some extent that has been remedied now by putting another foot-board also to the train.

STAFF—HUZUR SECRETARIAT.

37. Mr. M. K. Devassy: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the salary of the Secretariat staff;

(2) the number of files disposed of by the Secretariat;

(3) the number of files personally attended to by the Diwan:—

(*a*) during the year that preceded the reorganisation of the Secretariat;

(*b*) during the year that succeeded the reorganisation of the Secretariat?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: (1) Vide details under "14 General Administration (1) Huzur Secretariat" in the State Budget for 1114.

(2) It is not possible to furnish the information as the period for which the information required has not been specified.

(3) (*a*) & (*b*) No statistics have been maintained.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: Sub-clauses (*a*) and (*b*) specify the period.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: No. The answer given there is to sub-division Nos. 1 and 2 of the question.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: Are there not sub-clauses under the same question?

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